

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

More Than 50 Years of Faith!
Saint Pius X
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL "To renew all things in Christ"

Dear Friends,

It is so good to be back home! As you know, I peeled away from my daily work grind this past week to take a little time for a vacation in Wyoming. As has been the case for so many of you, the rigors of the pandemic and the added stresses of work took its toll. I had not had a decent vacation in well over two years. I know that it's been that way for many of you too. Getting a break is so important for overall health.

This year, I spent a week in the mountains. I had the opportunity to finally explore one of America's finest treasures – Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons. From the looks of it, I wasn't the only one. In fact, I know many who chose the same destination for their vacation. I'm just surprised that I didn't run into anyone I knew while there, since it has been a record-breaking year for visitors. I suppose that, because of the concerns due to the pandemic and the many strictures placed upon those traveling abroad, many elected to stay closer to home, visiting places in our own country rather than going off to the far-flung reaches of the globe.

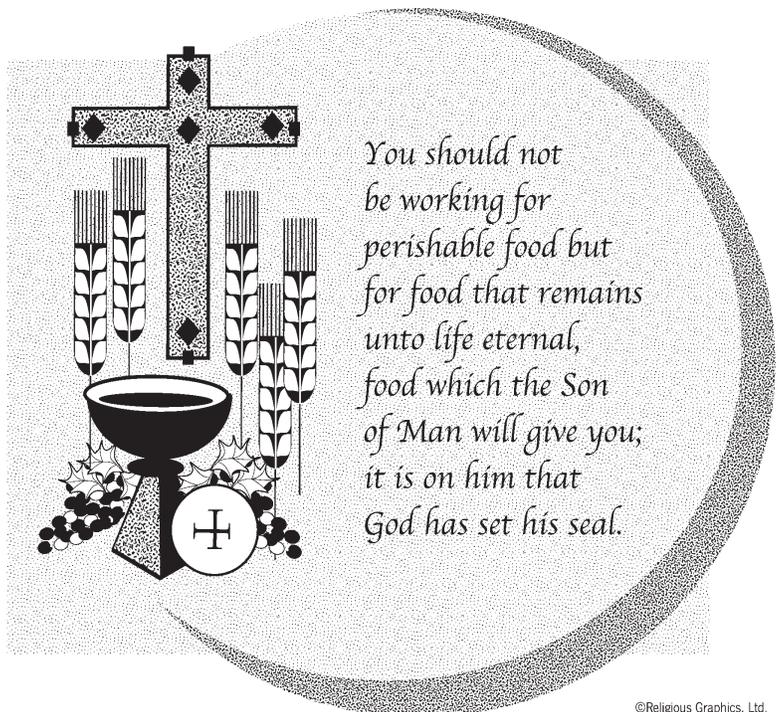
I myself did a tiny bit of fishing, a little hiking, some star-gazing, a lot of sightseeing, and some sleeping. It was so refreshing to get out in the middle of nowhere, where quite literally, I was disconnected. There was no phone service in the national parks.

Immersing myself in the raw experience of nature, I couldn't help but imagine what it was like for those early pioneers, and the native Americans before them, to live off the land. Hunting game had to be grueling and there must've been times where they were quite hungry. Food was critical to survival in some very harsh conditions. By the same token, when dealing with those most basic of necessities, I'm sure those early folk also lifted their minds to the heavens to consider God's divine presence in their lives.

While gazing at the awe-striking view of the mountain peaks thrusting up to the sky, they no doubt contemplated the God who, with his almighty hand, caused those forces that created the heights. Glacial forces took eons to carve up the valleys, pressing whatever could not resist the advance of ice, only to deposit them as foothills. Volcanic forces continue to shape the terrain today in Yellowstone.

Were those early explorers, trappers, and settlers impressed with what they saw? Did the wonders of the land cause them to marvel at God's power? I can only imagine that they did. The evidence was in the tiny log Episcopal church that was built in the shadows of the Tetons early on to meet the spiritual needs of those early folk. Much later, in 1937, a Catholic chapel (Sacred Heart) was built in the Tetons.

Though there is a certain ruggedness to the land even today, people do not depend upon their own skills to find food as much as in the past. Modern convenience has made it possible to supply for the body's basic needs. However, there is still a hunger that lingers in every person today. It is a hunger that many are very much unaware



*You should not
be working for
perishable food but
for food that remains
unto life eternal,
food which the Son
of Man will give you;
it is on him that
God has set his seal.*

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of. It is a hunger that lies in the very depths of the human heart – a hunger that yearns for meaning and purpose. It is the hunger of the spirit for a relationship with Almighty God.

For me, the simplicity and stillness of the wide-open spaces in Wyoming was conducive to contemplating the mystery of God. On several occasions, I sat gazing over the sage-brush leading up toward the mountains and heard nothing but quiet. The stillness raised my thoughts to God and I savored the calm. Somehow, it fed my inner spirit and renewed me.

We don't need the mountains to be fed in this way. In fact, the food we receive at the altar; the food that is provided for us, which is Jesus himself present to us in the Eucharist, is a food that far surpasses any other food. Jesus is the bread of life. Whoever comes to him will never hunger.

People today are hungering for Jesus, even if they do not know it. Nothing can replace him and the nourishment he gives. If our world is full of strife, division, anger, hostility, dissatisfaction, and discontent, it is because people are not seeking "the food that endures for eternal life". Instead, they are only looking for food that perishes. Our world needs to stop settling for the lesser food. We need to seek out the Bread of Life – Jesus Christ. We rarely neglect feeding our bodies. We should not neglect to feed our souls. Let's pray and let's go to church always. Let's receive Jesus Christ, who is the Bread of Life!

May He Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner John Hand, whose funeral service was held here this past week. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Healing Mass This Friday

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at Mass this coming Friday, August 6th, at 5:30 p.m. We encourage those who are at-risk, or feeling ill, to remain home for your safety and the safety others.

That Man is You

TMIY will take a short break once the current program ends on August 14th. The fall program will begin on September 11th. Continue to watch the bulletin for information on the fall program.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Saturday: 8:15AM*

Saturday: Vigil at 5:30PM.

Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM

Vietnamese Mass: 7:30PM

Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,

Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM

Holy Days: 6:30AM, 8:15AM, 12PM & 6:00PM(Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and Thursdays 7:00-7:50PM

Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Anointing of the Sick: First Friday Healing Mass or by request.



Save the Date - Farewell For Raymond!

Mark your calendar to save the date of Saturday, August 14th, to say farewell to our pastoral year seminarian, Raymond Pendleton. It will be in the Parish Hall after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. More to come later.

Position Available In The Parish Office

We are seeking a full-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant for the Parish Office. To maximize our resources, Lisa Catchings will be taking on the role of Bookkeeper for both the parish and St. Pius X School and will retain some administrative tasks. The change in duties necessitates a new position. Applicants must possess good, positive interpersonal skills, safeguard confidentiality, needs to be capable of administrative skills that involve handling multiple phone lines, handling correspondence and letter composition, computer skills, maintain parish schedules, oversee and maintain confidential sacramental records, editing and printing bulletins and/or other publications, and other office tasks. Please submit resumes to Fr. Paul at the parish office or email phesse@stpiusxcc.org.

Acts of Charity

As you may have noticed, many of the Acts of Charity programs are getting up and running. Thank you for your generous support!!

Another program that needs a boost to get started is the BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM. This is such a stressful time for family as they try to navigate the funeral process. We would love to be able to offer them a stress-free reception/light meal if they so desired. This is where we need your help! What the committee is looking for is:

- Volunteers to make salads/desserts and deliver to the parish hall.
- Volunteers who could be available during the receptions to make sure the food/drinks are out and ready for the family.
- Volunteers who could help with legal/accounting/general questions that can sometimes arise after a family member has passed.

Do you have a flexible schedule that would allow you to be free a morning/afternoon once or twice a month? Can you bake (or buy) a dessert? Do you have an understanding of legal issues that arise after death? Is the Holy Spirit leading you to help this ministry? If so, please contact the parish office, or visit the Acts of Charity tab under the parish website (St. Pius X Catholic Church: Acts of Charity (stpiusxcc.org)).

Hands on Help

Are you a licensed plumber, electrician, general contractor or handyman? The Acts of Charity Hands on Help Program would love to add you to our list of providers who might be able to bid on small home projects. If you would reach out to us via the parish office or on the parish website, we would greatly appreciate your help.

CMSE Re-certification Class

If you are part of a ministry here at St. Pius X, or a volunteer at the church or school, please check your blue card to see if it has expired. If it has, and you wish to continue in your ministry or volunteer work, we will be having a CMSE re-certification class on Tuesday, August 10th, at 6:30 p.m. in CC #2. Because space is limited, reservations are required, no exceptions. No walk-ins will be allowed. Please call the parish office at (361)993-4053 to reserve your spot!

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, August 1st

Monday, August 2nd

6:00PM – Confirmation – CC#1&2

7:00PM – Scouts - CAF

Tuesday, August 3rd

10:00AM – Angels – CC#2

Wednesday, August 4th

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

6:00PM – CCD – CC#1&2

Thursday, August 5th

12:00-3:00PM – Bridge Club – CC#1

6:00-7:00PM – Cubs – CC#1

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:00PM – Confessions - CH

Friday, August 6th

Saturday, August 7th

10:00AM – Baptism Class – CC#2

4:00-5:00PM – Confessions – CH



One does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

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**Deadline for submitting
bulletin announcements is
Wednesday's @ 12:00noon**

Walking With Purpose Women's Catholic Bible Study is back this September!

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Are you searching for something more in your life? Would you like to connect with other women in our parish community? Come back to community! We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic Bible study, this fall at St. Pius. Weekly group sessions are starting Monday, September 13 at 7:00 pm and Thursday, September 16 at 9:15 am. Opening Your Heart, our foundational study, is designed for a woman new to WWP whether or not you have any Bible study experience; you are welcome as you are to learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives. Our second study, Touching the Divine, is a study of the Gospel of John and designed for women who have already participated in WWP and are ready for a more advanced level of study as we learn how to know Christ in a deeper, more intimate way. We will be offering both studies, meeting at the same time in the youth hall. You will be able to register online on the St Pius website (www.stpiuscc.org) starting August 2 and paper registration forms will be available after all Masses on the weekends of August 7-8 and August 14-15. We do have a limited capacity, so please register early!

Night To Adore

Join together with fellow Catholics for a special event on the Bayfront, called "Night To Adore". Night To Adore will be an evening of Confession, Adoration, and Worship in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cole Park Amphitheater on Tuesday, August 3rd, from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. This is a huge event witnessing to the authentic presence of Christ in the Eucharist in our city named Corpus Christi! It is sponsored by Corpus Christi Right to Life and Young Catholic Adults of Corpus Christi.

Summer Polkafest!

Czech Food, Czech Music, Czech Fun! The 8th annual Summer Polkafest is August 7, 2021 at Moravian Hall, 5601 Kostoryz Rd. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Admission is \$12.00. Drinks and meals are available for purchase. For more information contact Randy Sykora (361)960-3220.

Stewardship Is A Way Of Life

Our parish is engaged in many different types of ministry that serves the People of God and helps spread the Gospel message. We encourage you to support these ministries by your regular contributions. To make a contribution, open the camera on your cell phone or tablet and scan this code, which will take you to our contribution portal. Thank you for your generosity!



Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Luis Alvarado, Theresa Alvarado, Kirk Anderson, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Allan Balderas, Elida Benavides, Georgie Benton, Bernice Berry, Isabel Black, Judy Bowman, John Buckner, Jimmy Buehrig, Nicole Cuellar, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Carlos Cardenas, Eddie Castro, Sylvia Chatelain, Dora Church, Carole Cotter, Harly Day, Sandy DeGregorio, Florinda DeLaGarza, Pud'n Dellinger, Albert Diemert, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Bobby Floyd, Debbie Fuqua, Julian Galloway, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Minerva Garcia, Leigh & Jackson Gavarkovs, Deborah Giese, Beatriz Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez, Jared Groner, Felix Guerra, Jr., Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, Janice Harney, Owen Harris, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Elizabeth Johnson, Lorena Kolansiki, Frank Kolda, Dennis Kramer, James Lawrence, Arlene Leep, Diana Lopez, Medad Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Mary Mandujano, Christopher & Linda Manka, Gilbert Martinez, Jack McCord, Pat McLemore, Fred Mitchell, Billy Monti, Arlene Morgan, John Morgan, Liz Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, Doug Nicol, Sandra R. Nicolas, Trent O'Connell, Doug Odle, John & Jerilynn Okoniewski, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Ozzie & Mary Osborne, Valerie Pompa, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Patricia Riek, Joseph Rollins, JoAnn Rosales, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Hedy Rosenast, Lorena Roy, David Russell, Americo Salazar, Luis Salazar, Sandra Salinas, Robert Sanchez, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Brandee Saylor, Steve Schuster, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Charles Skrobarczyk, Maxine Sommers, Dean Smith, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Gloria Swantner, Andrew Trevino, Judy West, Wally Whitworth, Jr., Cynthia Williams, Helen Witzsche, Joe Zepeda and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

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One Minute Meditations

The gift of work

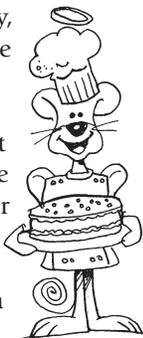
Work can feel like a treadmill. The routine can be exhausting and the job seem pointless. When we treat our labor as a gift back to God, there is an additional purpose to it than just a paycheck. *"There is nothing better for man than to eat and drink and provide himself with good things by his labors. Even this, I realized, is from the hand of God"* (Ecclesiastes 2:24).

Think and pray

Consider how many mistakes or heartaches could have been prevented if we had been wise enough to stop and think before acting. Too many times we focus on enjoying ourselves as much as possible and we step closer to sin until it draws us in. Trouble can be averted if we think and pray before we act.

"Understand this well: there is something holy, something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it."

St. Josemaria
Escriva



Where in the world is God?

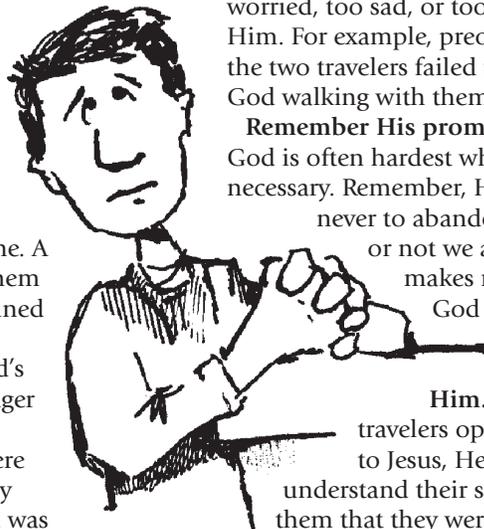
Two travelers, distraught over the murder of someone they loved, were heading out of town. As they walked, they struggled to understand what happened and why God had abandoned them. They felt overwhelmed and alone. A kind stranger joined them in their journey, explained the recent events, and reminded them of God's reliable love. The stranger turned out to be the very loved one they were grieving. Although they hadn't realized it, God was with them all along (Luke 24).

Why can't we find him? Events or experiences in our lives can lessen

our awareness of God and make Him appear distant. Sometimes we are too worried, too sad, or too angry to find Him. For example, preoccupied by grief, the two travelers failed to recognize God walking with them.

Remember His promise. Trust in God is often hardest when it is most necessary. Remember, He promised never to abandon us. Whether or not we are aware of Him makes no difference.

God never breaks a promise. **Talk to Him.** When the travelers opened their hearts to Jesus, He helped them to understand their situation, assured them that they were firmly in God's care, and gave them peace and consolation. When we open our hearts to Jesus and tell Him everything, He will give us peace and consolation, too.



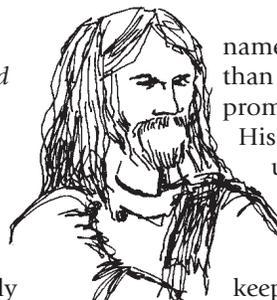
Why Do Catholics Do That?

How do Catholics regard Jesus' name?

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). The use of His name is so powerful, Jesus promised that He will answer any prayer we make in His name (John 14:14).

It is wrong to speak the holy

name of God in any way other than prayer or praise. In fact, He promised that whatever we ask in His powerful name, He will give us. Calling on His name as a swear, to express improper emotions, using it to curse or make promises we don't keep are grave sins.





Saturday, July 31st

5:30PM † Larry Blint by Joanie Whitmire

Sunday, August 1st

8:00AM For the parishioners

10:00AM † Felix Gonzalez, Sr. by Goldie Acuña

12:00PM † Stella Campos Annv. by her family

5:30PM † Juliet Ordener Johnson by Sandra & Randy

Monday, August 2nd

8:15AM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by K.K.H.

Tuesday, August 3rd

8:15AM † Ethel Dulak by Larry & Helen Witzche

Wednesday, August 4th

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear by the Didear family

† Victor Matula by Al & Adelle Hesse

† Jeanne Baish by her family

† Rev. Anders by Camille Habeeb -Hojnacki

† James E. Kelly, Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly

† Albert & Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly

† Sam Ferris, Jr. by Blanche Grote

5:30PM † Doyle Harris Annv. by his family

† Maury Jarrell by Theresa & Thomas Chavez

† Roquelito Auza by Rita Auza & kids

† Aurora Martinez by Johnny & Yolanda Villarreal

† Olga Treviño by Johnny & Yolanda Villarreal

† Anna Van Dyke by James Kelly

† Mario Lopez by Gladys Lippincott

† Jerry & Gloria Alvarez by Carlos & Judy Rubinstein

Thursday, August 5th

8:15AM † Frank Mansheim by Joanie Whitmire

Friday, August 6th

8:15 AM † Jeanne Baish by her family

† Norman Paris by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora

† Charlotte Groner by Thomas Groner

† Rene D. Rodriguez by Joe & Janie B. Vela

Liliane Van Hoof's well-being by James Kelly

John C. Kelly's well-being by James Kelly

James W. Kelly 3rd well-being by James Kelly

5:30PM † Ethel Dulak by S. Jasik

† Santana V. Villarreal by Maria Luisa Villarreal

† Cynthia Schuman Annv. Mary Morin

† Barbara Mikulik by the Mikulik family

† Frances Marsden by Bill Marsden

† Claude T. Allen, Jr. by Joyce Zarsky

Sultanas

† Sam Ferris, Jr. by Noel Y Maureen Fuentes

Special Intention by Camille Habeeb-Hojnacki

† Jay Shaw by M/M J.W. Shaw

Saturday, August 7th

8:15AM † Jose E. Salinas by his family

5:30PM † Gloria Alvarez by Christopher & Elenor Lehmann

Sunday, August 8th

8:00AM † Chris, John & Patricia Janosek by Jennifer & Sarah Janosek

10:00AM † Deacon George Philip Annv. by Estela, Theresa, Anne & Georgeanne

12:00PM † Gabriel Hinojosa by Mother & family

5:30PM For the Parishioners

*Happy 25th Wedding
Anniversary
Randy & Jeraldine Sykora!*

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Financial Report for Sunday 07/25/2021

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection..... \$9,569.59

Sunday Online \$5,594.66

Other Income \$100.00

Total Operating Revenue... \$15,264.25

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity \$350.00

Church in Africa \$25.00

Memorial Fund..... \$20.00

Total Other Contributions..... \$395.00

Total Contributions..... \$15,659.25

**Diocesan Loan – Parking Lot, A/C,
Roof Repairs (1/6/2017)**

Amount borrowed \$389,469.05

Principal pd (6/30/21) \$271,716.90

Ending balance..... \$117,752.15